



Instructions: Situation Report

The Situation Report (Sit. Rep.) provides Senior Management with high level information on developing, ongoing or concluded incidents or events of interest.

The Sit. Rep. should be:

- Short: one to two pages, written factually and impartially;
- Concise: use every word as efficiently as possible;
- Clear: keep it simple and to the point and include only what matters to the reader;
- Reliable: provide accurate information; point out missing information or questions about the information; and
- Readable: use plain language and white space, subheadings, lists and other means to make reading easier.

The following describes the sections of a Sit. Rep.:

- **Title:** A few key words that describe the issue succinctly.
- **Purpose:** In one sentence, explain why the Sit. Rep. is being written. Information only; action (decision or final approval required); or briefing for upcoming meeting: specify date, time, location and with whom.
- **Issue:** In one sentence, identify the issues. Clarify misinformation generated by media or others; provide update on emerging issues; provide update on individual or a group posing a threat; and/or explain the impact of legal (or policy) changes for the RCMP.
- **Background:** In 3 or 4 bullets, provide enough background or contextual information to give an understanding of the issue. What is relevance of issue to RCMP; what are the implications; what is history of the issue; and what is being said about the issue and by whom?
- **Current Status:** Advise of the most salient and recent information available. Highlight the current status and/or progress to date in order that action can be determined. Status and evolution of emerging issue to date; status of investigation; and stage or phase new legislation or policy is at.
- **Strategic Considerations** (if applicable): Factors that could affect our ability to respond to the issue.
Indicate sensitive or political elements to be considered; potential impact of the issues on the RCMP, our Minister, and/or the Government of Canada; inter-agency or interdepartmental issues to consider or cooperation, and specify significant obstacles or challenges that may hinder the RCMP's progress or handling of the issue; outline the potential outcome or risks if no action is taken; and indicate political statements (if any) made about this issue.
- **Strategic Communications** (if applicable): State internal and/or external communications considerations.
Indicate national/media/public/political implications and if the DG, Public Affairs has been advised; impact on employees or operations and has a communications strategist been advised; has a communications plan been developed for both internal and external audiences; and attach existing media lines which may have been prepared.
- **Recommendations / Strategic Advice** (if applicable): Identify follow-up actions or advice.
State strategic advice warranted on the issue; outline options; state critical dates and/or events of which Senior Management should be made aware; indicate who else should be notified of this information; and state areas that require further follow-up or research.
- **In Consultation with:** Identify groups or individuals consulted in preparation of this Sit. Rep. Indicate "Nil" if consultation was not required.
- **Prepared by:** Name and rank of writer.
- **Signature - Submitted by Name**
 - NHQ: Director General
 - Div.: Supervisor, Manager, NCO i/c or Director
- **Signature - Recommended by Name**
 - NHQ: Assistant Commissioner
 - Div.: Director, Director General or Deputy Criminal Operations Officer
- **Signature - Approved by Name**
 - NHQ: Deputy Commissioner
 - Div.: Criminal Operations Officer or Commanding Officer
- **Signature - Reviewed by Name**
 - NHQ: Senior Deputy Commissioner
 - Div.: Not Applicable or Commanding Officer



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K Division 2022-02-01 UPDATE COVID 19-Trucker Convoy Blockade of Canada/USA Border

ISSUE:

- Truck Convoy/Blockade of Port of Entry (POE) at Coutts, Alberta.

BACKGROUND:

- Information from RCMP, CBSA and United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) report a convoy and blockade at the Port of Coutts on Sunday, January 30, continuing from January 29, 2022.
- The Port of Coutts operates 24 hours, and is the largest POE in Alberta. Hundreds of commercial and personal vehicles travel through this major thoroughfare on any given day.
- There are border crossings located at Coutts, Del Bonita, and Carway, Alberta. Coutts is the only 24-hour crossing.
- The Coutts POE is positioned on Highway 4 on the Canadian side, and I-15 on the USA side. Coutts is in the Milk River detachment area, Del Bonita is in the Raymond detachment area, and Carway is in the Cardston detachment area.

Current Status:

- RCMP continue to maintain the perimeters at protest site.
- At the main blockade at the border crossing by the town of Coutts there are approximately 100 semi-trucks.
- At the north checkpoint at intersection of highway 501 and highway 4 there are approximately 10 semi-trucks and 20 passenger vehicle circling the area.
- The town's people are unable to use the main highway and are having to use a service road through a field to enter the town of Coutts.
- All other blockades that had been assembled have been resolved including the one in Standoff, Alberta.
- RCMP currently have 20-24 members at site for each day and night shift for containment and checkpoints. Additionally, the RCMP have a contingency of 70 "K" Division STO members on day shift.
- Lethbridge Regional Police service provided 10 members for day shift on 22-02-01.
- Calgary Police Service Public Order Team has been engaged and are willing to assist when required. (The "K" Division STO Team has previously trained with the Calgary Police Service Public Order Team.
- RCMP have reached out to multiple tow truck companies in Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan for assistance however, they declined.
- The CCMG continue on going communication with protesters however, the mentality of the protesters is progressively deteriorating into a tense negative situation.
- Some protesters have stated that have nothing to lose and are not leaving.
- Tactical plans are being developed to meet today's objectives.
- Communications continue between "K" Division DEOC and the Towing and Recovery Association of Alberta to attempt towing services.
- DEOC has submitted documentation to the CBSA and the Commr. Lucki in an attempt to secure US towing resources.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- A media release was released today prior to RCMP enforcement action.
- Social media messaging from RCMP accounts is being used heavily in the print media.
- Social media is being monitored, coverage is primarily positive toward law enforcement.

CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- N/A

Signatures		
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